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FOR SCHMIDT FROM SIMONS, EUR/EE THREE COPIES ONLY

ON HIS LAST DAY, WE WOULD ALL LIKE TO SAY A FOND FAREWELL TO SAM PROMOWITZ, AND WISH HIM AN ACTIVE, PRODUCTIVE AND HAPPY TOUR (LOOKING AFTER US-ROMANIAN INTERESTS, WE ALSO TRUST) ON THE HILL. IN MY EXPERIENCE, FOR UNDERSTANDABLE BUT DEPLORABLE REASONS THE PATH UP PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE HAS TOO OFTEN PROVEN MORE IRREVERSIBLE THAN DETENTE, SO THAT MY OWN GOOD WISHES ARE MODULATED BY THE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE JUST COMPLEX ENOUGH FOR HIM TO RETURN TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE, EVEN IF IT NEEDS HIM MORE THAN HE NEEDS IT. IT HAS BEEN OUR MISFORTUNE TO BENEFIT FROM HIS PERFORMANCE ON THINGS ROMANIAN ONLY AT ONE REMOVE, AND NOT FACE-TO-FACE LIKE YOU, BUT WE HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY AWARE OF AND WARMED BY THE VIGOR, THE INITIATIVE AND THE INTELLIGENT GOOD WILL HE HAS BROUGHT TO OUR AFFAIRS, AND HOPE HE REALIZES, AS WE DO, THAT THE GOOD RELATIONS OUR TWO IMPORTANT COUNTRIES NOW ENJOY WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE, IN SOME MEASURE, WITHOUT THEM. THERE MAY NOT BE A SANTA CLAUS, BUT THERE WAS A FROMOWITZ, AND WE ARE ALL THE BETTER FOR IT. BURGESS ASKS FOR SPECIAL HONORABLE MENTION AMONG THE WELLWISHERS, BUT THEY INCLUDE US ALL.
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